



# ELM STREET RECONSTRUCTION

## Overview

The Elm Street Reconstruction project was added to the Transportation Improvement Plan in 1998. Before 2019, Elm Street between Route 110 to Monroe Street was owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, until transferring ownership to the City of Amesbury.

This project will cost \$10,000,000, paid for by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Work will begin spring 2020, and is expected to be complete by fall 2021.

## Project

The project will include:

- Drainage improvements
- Granite curbing and cement sidewalks
- ADA compliant sidewalks
- Bicycle lane
- Traffic lights at Congress Street and Monroe Street
- Repaving

## Phases

The project will be done in phases, with each phase representing a section of the street.

The 3 phases are:

Phase 1 – Railroad Avenue to Congress Street

Phase 2 – Congress Street to Monroe Street

Phase 3 – Monroe Street to Route 110

The work will begin with Phase 1 and drainage updates. When that is complete, they will move into Phase 2 to do drainage updates, and then to Phase 3. Once all drainage work is complete, they will move back to Phase 1 to do curbing and sidewalks.

During each phase, the road will become a one-way street for 1-2 months, with traffic allowed west into Downtown. Detours will be provided for those needing to get to Route 110.

Tonight's presentation is on the City's website at [www.amesburyma.gov/elm-street](http://www.amesburyma.gov/elm-street)

## FAQ

### Where will I find updates about the project?

- The main hub of information will be [www.amesburyma.gov/elm-street](http://www.amesburyma.gov/elm-street)
- We will share updates on the DPW's Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/AmesburyDPW](https://www.facebook.com/AmesburyDPW)
- Phone number you can call and listen to a message for updates (TBD)
- Phase updates will be sent through Swift911, [www.amesburyma.gov/swift911](http://www.amesburyma.gov/swift911)
- Updates will be shared with the Daily News
- Senior Center Newsletter
- City E-Newsletter, [www.amesburyma.gov/city-enewsletter](http://www.amesburyma.gov/city-enewsletter)

### How do I get updates on detours?

We will share information about the different phases and detours of the project utilizing the above tactics, but the fastest and best way to find out about what phase of construction we're in and what detours are being used is to sign up for Swift911.

### How can I sign up for Swift911?

We will utilize our reverse phone call system, Swift911 to send voice and text alerts about the project and when we switch from one phase to another. Sign up for the alerts to ensure that you're receiving that information.

You can sign up at [www.amesburyma.gov/swift911](http://www.amesburyma.gov/swift911) or by texting SWIFT911 to "99538" where you'll be prompted to download the app.

### Will I be able to get out of my driveway?

Yes! When construction is happening in front of your house, there may be times when the project manager will ask you to be out of your driveway by a certain time, as they will be digging trenches. Also keep in mind that during construction time (7AM – 4PM), the road in front of your house will be one-way heading into downtown, so make sure to turn the correct way!

### When will my driveway be repaved?

Repaving is the last part of the process, and as long as the project stays on schedule, all paving will be complete by fall of 2021.

### If I have questions about the project, who do I call?

If you have questions about construction and the project itself, call the Department of Public Works at (978) 388-8116 or email [elmstreet@amesburyma.gov](mailto:elmstreet@amesburyma.gov)

If you have questions or feedback about communications about the project, call Caitlin Thayer at (978) 500-4799 or email [thayerc@amesburyma.gov](mailto:thayerc@amesburyma.gov)

### If I have property damage, who do I talk to?

We highly encourage you to take photos of your property before work begins. If damage is done to your property due to the construction, please call the Department of Public Works at (978) 388-8116 or email [elmstreet@amesburyma.gov](mailto:elmstreet@amesburyma.gov)